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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
RACIAL MATTERS - BPP

Activities of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and Young
Patriot (YP) group in Eugene, Oregon, November, 1969

Sources indicated below have furnished reliable
information in the past.

The BPP is described in the appendix
attached hereto.

[PD T-1] has advised that an active functioning
BPP chapter existed in Eugene, Oregon, during the spring
of 1969, but due to factionalism, ceased to function about
June, 1969, and became a "paper" organization of [redacted]
[redacted] and his [redacted]

[SF T-16 during latter November and December,
1969] advised that the national BPP in Berkeley, California,
had disbanded the Eugene BPP "chapter," because it contained
only three members, an insufficient number for a chapter.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY,
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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concern of the BPP, that the BPP has its own programs and the YP can fend for itself; that the YP itself is no concern of the BPP.

PD T-1, during November, 1969, advised that there is no functioning BPP organization in Eugene because of the inability of former members to work with [redacted] and of the continual problems [redacted] have had with city officials and other Negroes in Eugene. *Q U*

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PD T-1 and PD T-7 on November 12, 1969, advised that the only BPP members in Eugene besides the [redacted] are [redacted] and possibly one [redacted]. *Q U*

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During November, 1969, PD T-6 advised that the three YP members of the central staff ordered to New York probably were [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom had been in Eugene during October, 1969, and early November, 1969, to foster a YP organization there. During latter November, 1969, PD T-6 advised that the YP group headed by [redacted] remains in Eugene but has been inactive recently. *Q U*

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[On December 3, 1969, SF T-22] said that there were then only two BPP members (at large) in Eugene and that these two members, a husband and wife, were leaving Eugene.

The Young Patriots (YP) Organization

An article in the "Daily Emerald," University of Oregon (UO) campus newspaper, Eugene, on October 17, 1969, described the beginning of the Eugene chapter of the Young Patriots (YP) on October 13, 1969. During the appearance of one [redacted] and one [redacted] also known as [redacted]. The article stated that the YP organization was founded in 1968 in Chicago, Illinois, its current headquarters, and that it is allied with the BPP and similar minority groups. [redacted] claimed that the YP was trying to end the oppression of whites and among their activities was that of Breakfast Programs for children.

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[redacted] of a New York chapter of the YP.

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[redacted] in the Chicago chapter of the YP.

[On November 12, 1969, SF T-16] advised that [redacted] above mentioned. [redacted]

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[SF T-16 also] learned from an [redacted] unknown person in Eugene that the central committee of the YP in New York had ordered all YP staff members to report to New York for a four-week retreat and for political training.

Relative to the shortage of BPP members to carry out [redacted] proposed projects -- [redacted] national BPP assistant chief of staff, said that this is no

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